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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on April 6, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed with a Petition for extension of time for one month with necessary fees. Attached herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement with appropriate fees. and articles by (i) Orntoft *et al.*, (ii) Hyman *et al.*, (iii) Pollack *et al.*, and (iv) Hanna and Mornin, a Declaration by Paul Polakis, Ph.D. and a Declaration by Avi Ashkenazi, Ph.D.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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